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SUBJ: SAG VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE

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1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY LUSAKA VIEW THAT SOME EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ALONG LINES PARA 7, REF (A) WOULD BE USEFUL FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND IN GENERAL INTERESTS OF SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE ALSO STRUCK BY APPARENT SIMILARITY OF VIEWS OF SAMORA MACHEL, EXPRESSED PARA 2, REF (A), AND THOSE OF SAG, AND AGREE THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS.

2. ON OTHER HAND, WE ARE MOST RELUCTANT TO APPROACH SAG ALONG LINES ENVISAGED PARA 5, REF (A), PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME. SOUTH AFRICAN MEDIA JUNE 11 GIVES PROMINENT TREATMENT TO BBC TV LONDON PROGRAM IN WHICH FRELIMO LEADER DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY PLEDGED AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE TO APPLY ALL UN SANCTIONS AGAINST "RACIST, FASCIST, COLONIALIST" CONTROL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. DOS SANTOS REPORTEDLY SAID THIS WOULD MEAN STOPPING ALL "INDENTURED" LABOR TO SOUTH AFRICA, FULLY SUPPORTING TERRORIST STRIKE GROUPS AIMED AT SA AND APPLYING FULL SANCTIONS TO RHODESIA.

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HE REPORTEDLY MADE CLEAR THERE WAS NO WAY IN WHICH FRELIMO WOULD

"CONSULT WITH APARTHEID." THIS REPORT WILL ONLY ADD TO PRESENT SAG SUSPICIONS AND FEARS OF FRELIMO, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ITS UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO WILL YET EMERGE AS TRUE FRELIMO LEADERS IN LONG RUN.

3. INSTEAD OF DETERMINING WHETHER SAG WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO OUR PASSING INFO INDIRECTLY TO FRELIMO THROUGH GRZ, THEREFORE, AND UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS OR REASONS TO CONTRARY, WE BELIEVE EMBASSY LUSAKA MIGHT REITERATE VIEWS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO CHONA ALONG LINES PARA 3, REF (A). IT COULD ADD THAT OUR OWN READING IS THAT SAG GENUINELY WANTS A STABLE MOZAMBIQUE AND HOPES THAT WHATEVER GOVERNMENT EMERGES THERE WILL CONTINUE SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ENJOY THROUGH CONTINUING FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

4. ILLUSTRATIVE ITEMS MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR BY FONSECY FOURIE (REF B), I.E., PORT OF LM, RAIL LINE FROM LM TO KOMATIPOORT, CABORA BASSA, IMPORTANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND SA, IMPORTANCE OF SA TOURISM TO MOZAMBIQUE AND FACT SA SUPPLIES MOZAMBIQUE WITH EMPLOYMENT FOR THOUSANDS OF WORKERS, HAVE ALL BEEN PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS AND ARE ALSO OFTEN MENTIONED TO US PRIVATELY BY SAG OFFICIALS. IN SHORT, OUR VIEW IS THAT SAG IS SINCERE IN ITS HOPE FOR A STABLE GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE WHICH WILL CONTINUE "TO DO BUSINESS" WITH SA. (AT SAME TIME IT IS TAKING STEPS, SUCH AS NEW HARBOR AT RICHARDS BAY, TO LESSEN ITS ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE BOTH ON MOZAMBIQUE AND REST OF WORLD TOO.) UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS, WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE FOR EMBASSY LUSAKA TO PASS OUR VIEW TO GRZ AND DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD OFFEND SAG EVEN IF IT SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME KNOWN.  
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